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The number of workers employed in oil and gas extraction rose by 1,100 in February to 147,500 on a seasonally adjusted basis, according to the <u>monthly jobs report</u> released this morning by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The February figure was slightly below the year-ago mark of 148,000.

The number of workers employed in coal mining rose by 300 from the previous month to 52,200, BLS said, above the 50,900 reported a year ago.

Overall, the U.S. economy added 313,000 jobs last month as the unemployment rate held at 4.1 percent.

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